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SUBJ: TRSB/MLS: ITALIAN MLS WORKING GROUP COMMENTS AND FINAL
REPORT

REF: ROME 2701

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN WORKING
GROUP SOON AFTER THEIR RETURN FROM U.S.
COMMENTS INDICATED MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON US TRSB/MLS AS
A RESULT OF VISITING GROUND INSTALLATIONS AND ATTENDING FURTHER
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DEMONSTRATIONS OF US SYSTEM AT NAFEC AND OTHER US SISTES.
POSITIVE EVALUATION OF SYSTEM IS BASED ON THREE POINTS.
A. RELIABILITY OF TRSB AVIONICS VERSUS DOPPLER ONE.
ITALIAN EXPERTS BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A KEY POINT, CONSIDERING
THE THOUSANDS OF INSTALLATIONS ON BOARD EXISTING AIRCRAFT.
THEY ADDED THAT SOME OF THE COMPLEXITY NOW FOUND IN TRSB
GROUND INSTALLATIONS CAN BE EASILY OVERCOME BECAUSE OF THE

QUOTE US INDUSTRIAL POWER A
D FERIOUSNESS IN PERSUING ASSIGNED
PROGRMS UNQUOTE.

B. THE LANDING SYSTEM WHICH WILL REPLACE THE OLD ILS MUST BE
UNIVERSALLY ADOPTED AND SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THE RESPONSIBLE
COUNTRIES - INCLUDING USRR - SEEM TO FLAVOUR TRSB/MLS IT IS
MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE DOPPLER SYSTEM WOULD GAIN POPULARITY
OVER TRSB CONSIDERING THAT FROM A STRICTLY OPERATIONAL POINT
OF VIEW THE DOPPLER DOES NOT PRESENT - ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN
WORKING GROUP - ANY TECHNIOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE OVER THE TRSB/MLS.

C. CHOICE OF THE US TRSB/MLS WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ITALY,
GIVEN THE LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BENDIX AND SELENIA OF
ITALY. IN PRACTICAL TERMS THIS WOULD MEAN INCREASED LOCAL
EMPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES.

2. A MEETING OF THE ITALIAN MLS WORKING GROUP WAS HELD WEEK OF
MARCH 13 AND A FINAL REPORT - OUTLINING POINT 1. WAS PREPARED.
IT WILL SHORTLY BE PRESENTED TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF TRAN-
SPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
SPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
COPY OF REPORT.

3. ONE POSSIBLE PROBLEM EXISTS. IT APPEARS THAT LACK OF
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GOVERNMENT TRAVEL FUNDS WILL PREVENT THE MEMBERS OF THE MLS
WORKING GROUP FROM ATTENDING MEETING IN MONTREAL. IF THIS
RQAPPENS THE ITALIAN PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IN
MONTREAL WOULD BE ALONE TP PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE ITALIAN REPORT
WITHOUT ANY TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY THE COMPILERS OF THE REPORT
ITSELF. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT AND WE PLAN TO
DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH HIGHER-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF TRANSPORTATION
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